Losses suffered by Public Sector Drug Companies

1936. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister for CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the losses suffered by the various public sector drug companies during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by Government to revive them; and

(c) the reasons for huge increase in the prices of medicines during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) The net profit/(loss) of the five Central Public Sector Drug Companies, namely, Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (BCPL) Bengal Immunity Ltd. (BIL) and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (SSPL) during the last three years are given as under:

Rs./Crores

Name of PSU	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
IDPL	(83.44)	(69.64)	(69.93*)
HAL	1.99	(12.68)	(22.30)
BCPL	(12.74)	(10.98)	(6.38)
BIL	7.26	(9.50)	(5.59)
SSPL	6.64	(6.99)	(4.38*)

*Provisional, unaudited.

(b) The revival packages for four Central public sector drug companies, namely, IDPL, BCPL, BIL and SSPL have since been approved by the BIFR and these are under implementation. The revival packages, inter alia, envisage higher production/sales, business/capital restructuring, reduction in excess manpower etc. HAL has recently entered into a joint venture for technological upgradation of the Penicillin production facilities with a view to inducting latest technology and improving productivity, production, profitability, etc. The company has also taken up plans for rejumination of the non-Pen. G operations.

(c) The increases in respect of some of the price controlled medicines have mainly resulted from the increased Maximum Allowable Post-manufacturing Expenses (MAPE) given effect under the Drug Prices Control Order, 1995. In the case of de-controlled medicines, the increases have mainly resulted from the increased trade margins. The wholesale price index does not indicate any abnormal increase in the prices of drugs and medicines.

Court Cases of Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education

1937. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Court cases instituted by or against Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior;

(b) the number of cases decided for and against the institute; and

(c) the reasons for such cases and the action taken by Government in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No court case has been instituted by or against the Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior. However, approximately 60 case have been filed against the *erstwhile* Laxmibai National Collage of Physical Education.

(b) Six cases have been decided in